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SUBJECT: BOSTON TOURIST GROUP FROM FAMILY COUNSELING AND  
GUIDANCE CENTERS, INC. -- REQUEST FOR EMBASSY BRIEFING AND  
TO HOLD CHURCH SERVICE

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED THROUGH SEN. BROOKE'S OFFICE REQUEST  
FROM BOSTON-BASED FAMILY COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE CENTERS,  
INC. TOUR GROUP. GROUP REQUESTING EMBASSY BRIEFING, AND  
ALSO REQUESTING EMBASSY GUIDANCE IN ARRANGING CHURCH SERVICE  
FACILITIES FOR GROUP.

2. TOUR GROUP NUMBERS 180 RPT 180 PERSONS. LEADER OF GROUP  
IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REV. MSGR. JOSEPH T. ALVES. GROUP  
IS DESCRIBED AS NON-PROFIT, NON-SECTARIAN PRIVATE MENTAL  
HEALTH GROUP, OPERATING FROM 5 LOCATIONS IN BOSTON METRO-  
POLITAN AREA.

3. GROUP REQUESTING STANDARD PUBLIC-TYPE BRIEFING FOR ABOUT  
30, RPT 30 PERSONS DURING MOSCOW VISIT. GROUP WILL BE IN  
MOSCOW FEB. 21-24, STAYING AT HOTEL ROSSIYA.

4. FOR LENINGRAD: GROUP ARRIVES IN LENINGRAD FEB. 16,  
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STAYING UNTIL FEB. 20. GROUP WILL VISIT KALININ ON FEB. 21

BEFORE GOING TO MOSCOW. PERHAPS CONGEN WOULD BE INTERESTED  
IN BRIEFING GROUP. IF SO, PLS ADVISE DEPT, WHICH WOULD THEN

SO INFORM SEN. BROOKE'S OFFICE.

5. ADDITIONAL MATTER INVOLVES REV. MSGR. ALVES' INTEREST  
IN HOLDING RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN MOSCOW ON SUNDAY, FEB.  
22, FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 PERSONS FROM TOUR GROUP. HE  
WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE MASS IN ENGLISH IN A ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCH, IF POSSIBLE. COULD REV. RICHARD RECEIVE GROUP AT  
SERVICE OR SUGGEST POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS?

6. CAN POSTS SUGGEST SOVIET FACILITIES AND/OR INSTITUTIONS  
RELATED TO FAMILY GUIDANCE--MENTAL HEALTH AREA WHICH  
MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR BOSTON GROUP TO REQUEST THROUGH  
INTOURIST CHANNELS? DEPT WOULD PASS ALONG SUGGESTIONS TO  
SEN. BROOKE'S OFFICE, BUT WOULD STRESS THEIR NEED TO RE-  
QUEST THROUGH INTOURIST. KISSINGER

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